

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 27 and 28 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 20 and 29 and add Claim 33 as follows

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A driver for use in a computing device having a TCP/IP stack, said driver being configured to send an IP packet from the TCP/IP stack through an IP tunnel across a network,

wherein the IP packet from the TCP/IP stack, which IP packet comprises an IP header, is placed within an ethernet packet before being received by said driver, and

wherein said driver removes the ethernet header and ethernet checksum from the ethernet packet, and adds another IP header.

21. (Previously Presented) A driver according to Claim 20, wherein the network is the Internet.

22. (Previously Presented) A driver according to Claim 20, wherein an apparatus on the network receives the IP packet through the IP tunnel.

23. (Previously Presented) A driver according to Claim 22, wherein the apparatus on the network sends the received IP packet towards its destination via a network.

24. (Previously Presented) A driver according to Claim 23, wherein an internet browser running on the computing device accesses a server through the TCP/IP stack of the computing device which sends a request to the server by way of said driver and the apparatus on the network.

25. (Previously Presented) A driver according to Claim 20, wherein the computing device is a personal computing device.

26. (Previously Presented) A driver according to Claim 25, wherein the personal computing device is a personal computer.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
an internet browser; and  
a TCP/IP stack for use with said internet browser; and  
a driver that (i) receives an ethernet packet containing an IP packet from  
said TCP/IP stack, the IP packet comprising an IP header, (ii) removes the ethernet  
header and ethernet checksum from the ethernet packet, and (iii) adds another IP  
header.

wherein said internet browser sends a packet across the Internet to a  
second apparatus through (a) said TCP/IP stack, (b) ~~a tunnel~~ said driver, (c) an Internet  
connection between said apparatus and a gateway apparatus, and ~~(e)~~ (d) means for  
transmitting packets from the gateway apparatus to the second apparatus.

30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein  
the tunnel comprises an IP tunnel, and wherein the means for transmitting packets from  
the gateway apparatus to the second apparatus is an IP network.

31. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein  
the connection between the gateway apparatus and the second apparatus is a network  
connection.

32. (Previously Presented) A personal computing device comprising:  
a TCP/IP stack; and  
a driver according to Claim 20.

33. (New) A driver according to Claim 20, wherein when the TCP/IP  
stack generates an ARP request in connection with sending the IP packet through said  
driver, said driver generates an ARP response to the ARP request.